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A TRIBUTE TO HALLIE SHAE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Hallie Shae, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Hallie is a graduate of Deuel High School in Clear Lake, SD. Currently, she is attending Northern State University, where she is majoring in sociology, with an emphasis in criminal justice. Hallie is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of her experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Hallie Shae for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13441 WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON JULY 28, 2017—PM 15

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days of the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2017.

Certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah that include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national

security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 28, 2017.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 28, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3364. An act to provide congressional review and to counter aggression by the Governments of Iran, the Russian Federation, and North Korea, and for other purposes:

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bill was signed on July 28, 2017, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 95. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 873. An act to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2772. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees.

H.R. 3180. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3219. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3262. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 371. An act to make technical changes and other improvements to the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal Year 2017.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 114. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 95. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2772. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3180. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence.

H.R. 3262. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3219. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2363. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0111) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2364. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2016-17 Crop Year for Tart Cherries" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0105) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July

26, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2365. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0031) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2366. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Onions Grown in the Walla Walla Valley of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0116) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2367. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2368. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Codes and Code Cases" ((RIN3150-AI97) (NRC-2011-0088)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2369. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program: Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2370. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to U.S. Customs and Border Protection Regulations" (CBP Dec. 17-08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2371. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2017-0768); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2372. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to support the establishment of an F-35 aircraft Final Assembly and Checkout (FACO) facility in Nagoya, Japan for end-use by the Japan Air Self Defense Force in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-016); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2373. A communication from the Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section

36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of M1500 bolt action rifles in various calibers and accessories to Argentina for commercial resale in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-020); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2374. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities and Preschool Grants for Children with Disabilities Program; Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities" (RIN1820-AB74) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2375. A communication from the Chief of External Affairs and Performance Branch, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Government Ethics, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2376. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-101, "Medical Marijuana Certified Business Enterprise Preference Temporary Amendment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2377. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-100, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 2960, S.O. 15-53893, Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2378. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ametoctradin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 9963-04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2379. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9962-96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2380. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9963-22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2381. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudomonas chloraraphis strain AFS009; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9961-77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2382. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tolpyralate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9964-15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2383. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Topramezone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9960-37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2384. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2385. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities under the Secretary of Defense personnel management demonstration project authorities for Department of Defense Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratories (STRs) for calendar year 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2386. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the Army Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) (OSS-2017-0785); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2387. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral William A. Brown, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2388. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Federal Mortgage Disclosure Requirements under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z)" (RIN3170-AA61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2389. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2390. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Level I, II, and III Protective Coatings Applied to Nuclear Power Plants" (NRC-2016-0192) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2391. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures" (FRL No. 9964-78-OW) received during adjournment

ceived during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2410. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2411. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2412. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2413. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2414. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2415. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2416. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

WC-2417. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2418. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, received

during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2419. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Water, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2420. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2421. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2422. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Group Classification and Standards for Water-, Steam-, Radioactive-Waste-Components of Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.26, Revision 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2423. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Vibration Assessment Program for Reactor Internals During Preoperational and Initial Startup Testing" (Regulatory Guide 1.20, Revision 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2424. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Evaluation of Shipper-Receiver Differences in the Transfer of Special Nuclear Material; Internal Transfers of Special Nuclear Material; Shipping and Receiving Control of Strategic Nuclear Material" ((NRC-2016-0189) (Regulatory Guide 5.28, Revision 0; Regulatory Guide 5.49, Revision 0; and Regulatory Guide 5.57, Revision 1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2425. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recommended Practice for Dealing with Outlying Observations" (NRC-2017-0077) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2426. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of the Assumption of Normality (Employing Individual Observed Values)" (NRC-2017-0161) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dedication of Commercial-Grade Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants" (Regulatory Guide 1.164, Revision 0) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for the application of the Theft and Diversion Design-Basis Threat for Category I Fuel Cycle Facilities" (NRC-2017-0042) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2429. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping, Receiving, and Internal Transfer of Special Nuclear Material at Fuel Cycle Facilities" (Regulatory Guide 5.41, Revision 0) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2430. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limit of Error Concepts and Principles of Calculation in Nuclear Materials Control" (NRC-2017-0059) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2431. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2432. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Enrollment Examination User Fee for Enrolled Agents" ((RIN1545-BN09) (TD 9820)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2433. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Return Due Date and Extended Due Date Changes" ((RIN1545-BN13) (TD 9821)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2434. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Notice 2015-77 for Participants in the HFA Hardest Hit Fund" (Notice 2017-40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2435. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Regarding the Health Insurance Premium Tax Credit" ((RIN1545-BM09) (TD 9822)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2436. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Fee" ((RIN1545-BM26) (TD 9823)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2437. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program" (RIN0960-AI06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2438. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2017-0129—2017-0141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2439. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2440. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Premarket Approval of Pediatric Uses of Devices—Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2441. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Selection Criteria that Apply to Direct Grant Programs" (RIN1855-AA13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2442. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's 2017 Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1672. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to include in income the unrepatriated earnings of groups that include an inverted corporation; to the Committee on Finance.